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1. a. An officer conference was held in the former STENDAL (M 53/Y 85) Oberlyzeum, the present Officers' House, on 1 November 1949. In addition to many majors, captains and lieutenants of various branches of service, the following highranking officers attended:

A tank colonel
a tank lieutenant colonel
an artillery colonel
an artillery lieutenant colonel
an infantry colonel
a signal lieutenant colonel.

(1) Five [] passenger cars parked in front of the building

b. The following trucks, each occupied by 25 fully-equipped soldiers, passed through STANDAL on 2 November 1949 and proceeded towards the training area on Arnimer Dam:

occupied by troops with red-bordered
black epaulets

occupied by troops with black-bordered red
epaulets and towing a mortar
occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets.

c. About 20 officers and 60 EM left STENDAL aboard the train to MEHLIN on the morning of 16 November 1949. They went on furlough.

2. a. The Soviet kommandatura in STENDAL was dissolved on 14 November 1949 and its functions taken over by German administrative authorities. It was learned that five administrative agencies of the Soviet Control Commission (SCC) were to be established in the following cities of Saxony-Anhalt:

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MAGDEBURG (M 53/Y 60)
 DESSAU (M 52/E 17)
 MERSEBURG (M 52/D 91)
 BITTERFELD (M 52/E 14)
 EISLEBEN (M 52/D 63).

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b. A convoy of 12 motor vehicles, passenger cars and trucks [redacted] passed through STENDAL on 5 December 1949. The convoy had come from the direction of MAGDEBURG and proceeded towards WITTEMBERGE (M 53/Y 69).

c. Several convoys of newly painted trucks, coming from the direction of TANGERHUEDE (M 53/Y 84), arrived in STENDAL and moved to the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne between 7 and 10 December 1949. A convoy of 18 trucks was seen on 7 December 1949 at about 4:15 p.m. and a convoy of 14 trucks on 8 December 1949 at about 5 p.m. Several other convoys were observed by local residents.

d. The casernes of STENDAL were occupied as follows on 11 December 1949:

(1) Tauntzien Kaserne on Osterburgerstrasse

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About 1,200 troops, mostly recruits, of units of various branches of service. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, a few with the tank insignia, and red epaulets. Some tanks and trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in the caserne area.

(2) Hindenburg Kaserne East of Buergerpark

About 2,000 troops of units of various branches of service, including an artillery unit. About 50 percent were recruits.

(1) Field guns, AT guns and motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen in the caserne area [redacted]

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(3) Albrecht der Baer Kaserne and surrounding Restricted Area

About 5,000 troops, allegedly including a high unit headquarters (reportedly a corps headquarters), a tank unit, several light artillery units, a headquarters unit equipped with passenger cars and busses, a mechanized unit and an MVD unit. The latter unit of 100 to 200 soldiers with green epaulets has been stationed in the caserne since late November 1949.

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25X1 (1) Tanks, light field guns and motor vehicles [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] were seen in the caserne area [redacted]
25X1 [redacted]
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e. Although STENDAL casernes were occupied to capacity,
relatively little troop activity was observed. Trucks
25X1 [redacted] used for the training of
drivers, were frequently seen in the city.

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

a. The information on a high unit headquarters, allegedly a corps headquarters, in the restricted area on Moltkestrasse confirms the STENDAL headquarters of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps up to 11 December 1949.

b. The units quartered in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne presumably include elements of the ? No. (16th Gds?) Tank Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

c. No concrete information is available on the dissolution of the Soviet kommandatura in STENDAL. However, such a measure is considered possible in connection with the change of the previous Soviet Military Administration in the Soviet Control Commission.

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